

PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 18, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Jones.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present.

Council members present were: David Jones, Charles Persch, Kathleen Rick, Melinda Keen, Virginia Miller and Kenneth Knickerbocker. Also present were Mayor, John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, L. James Thomas, Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan and Police Chief Brian Sheller, Solicitor John Carnes and Zoning Officer Mark Harman. Council Member Thomas Curtin was absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: After moving the Mayor's Proclamation to after the Approval of Bills and, due to lack of information, tabling the motions to adopt Resolutions 2009-04 and 2009-05 in New Business, a motion to approve the agenda was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 Regular Meeting was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Wendy A. Keegan

A complete copy of the April, 2009 Treasurer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Melinda Keen. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: A Motion to approve the bills submitted was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Virginia Miller. All in favor.

MAYOR'S REPORT/PROCLAMATION: Mayor John Hagan made the proclamation that May 19, 2009 was "Buckle Up Parkesburg Borough Day".

PUBLIC COMMENTS (Agenda Items Only):

- Beverly Ely of West Street questions the trash truck lease and hunt engineering bills

PLANNING COMMISSION/SUBDIVISION:

- Keystone Community Alliance – Main Street West: A motion to grant extension of the review period until December 31, 2009 was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

ENGINEER'S REPORT—Mark Harman for Mendi Lowe
A complete copy of the Engineer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

MANAGER'S REPORT—L. James Thomas

- The West Street paving project is completed and striping will be done;
- Due to water quality calls, PAWC will be flushing hydrants for the next 2 weeks;
- Met with insurance service officer - a new survey will be conducted regarding updating the fire hydrants;
- Narrowed down 5 pension groups to 2 groups;
- First Avenue grant – the county has agreed to use the HDC costs for street scapes as a match;
- Grass and weed enforcement letters have been sent.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT—Chief Brian Sheller
A complete copy of the Police Chief's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT—ARRO Consulting-Mark Harman
A complete copy of the Zoning Officer's Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

At 7:35 p.m. the Council Meeting was suspended and the Revitalization Plan Update Public Hearing was called to order. At 7:55 p.m. the Public Hearing was closed and the Council Meeting was called back to order.

- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-06 – A Resolution of the Borough of Parkesburg adopting the 2009 Revitalization Plan was made by Kathleen Rick and seconded by Kenneth Knickerbocker. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT
A complete copy of the Public Works Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT—Raymond Stackhouse
No report.

PABA—Eric Jameson
No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to enact Ordinance No. 481 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 468 (Adopting the International Property Maintenance Code) To:1) Confirm That Prosecution Is for "Summary Offense(s)"; 2) Permit Self Help in Boarding-up Properties and Taking Other Action for the Safety of the Public with Respect to Abandoned Properties or Where Immediate Action Is Refused (And Providing for the Compensation for Such Actions by the Filing of a Municipal Lien for Such Charges); 3) Permit Alternative Service by Posting Where Property Is Abandoned or Previous Posting Has Been Authorized ; and, 4) Making Ordinance 468, as Amended, Subject to Future Modification by Resolution was made by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.
- A motion to adopt Resolution No. 2009-03 – A Resolution of the Council of the Borough of Parkesburg, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing the Grant Application of Pennvest Project #15120070905-CF was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Beverly Ely of West Street asked when the "Silent Policemen" will be put up; she also asked what can be done about skateboarders;
- Barry of Maple Street asked what can be done with residents who leave dog feces on the sidewalks.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Virginia Miller commended Beverly Ely for her support of Parkesburg;
- Charles Persch commended the Memorial Day Parade;
- Melinda Keen reminded residents to vote at the primary;
- Kathleen Rick thanked Beverly Ely for helping at the Community Market;
- David Jones echoed Mr. Persch's comments on the parade and also commented on the open house and book signing with Gerry Treadway; Mr. Jones commented that 8 residents are running in the primary but only one has attended the council meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Charles Persch and seconded by Virginia Miller adjourn the meeting 8:25 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy A. Keegan
Borough Secretary